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Celebrations April 2011



> On April 3rd, **Safe Harbor Family Church** in Jackson Mississippi celebrated its affiliation with the United Church of Christ following a period of discernment. A rapidly growing congregation under the leadership of co-pastors Andre Vlok and Pam Walsh., Safe Harbor had not been affiliated with a denomination at any point



in its thirteen year history. The church has a member attending Lancaster Seminary and looks forward to engaging the United Church of Christ and the Southeast Conference as it seeks to deepen and broaden its ministries. Tim Downs preached for the occasion, and Barbara Everett was present to represent the association in a service of

reception of a local church into the United Church of Christ. (Pictured left: Barbara Everett and Tim Downs at Safe Harbor Family Church).



> Tim and Barbara attended worship at **Union Chapel on Tougaloo College campus**, where Tim preached. Following the worship service there was gathering for food and conversation. (Pictured right: Union Chapel on Tougaloo College Campus; Tim Downs and Tougaloo President Beverly Hogan with Chaplain Larry Johnson).



> On April 8, 2011, **Local Church Ministries** awarded support to new SEC church starts, **Open Table: A Community of Faith**, Mobile, AL (Ellen Sims) and **Praxis UCC**, Atlanta, GA (Chris Waldron). [Link here to read full article.](#)

> **The Theology Among the People (TAP) program** of the SEC received a grant from The Richard and Helen Brown Foundation of the UCC to help fund a clergy continuing education gathering and the development of Pathways, the on-line successor to the TAP program which will be launched in Fall 2011.



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Headlines from the United Church of Christ

[WCM executive calls for 'complete withdrawal' of Ugandan anti-gay legislation](#)

The Rev. Cally Rogers-Witte, the UCC's executive minister for Wider Church Ministries, issued a statement today (May 11) calling for the Ugandan government to drop legislation that calls for the imprisonment of homosexuals.



Upcoming Celebrations in May - please attend and show support for neighboring congregations.



> **Peace Congregational UCC** will celebrate being received as a congregation in full standing in the UCC May 8th, at 5:00 p.m. Here is [recent press release from Peace](#).
Everyone is invited to worship on May 8th.
[Link here to read letter of invitation.](#)

> **David Sigmund** will be ordained in a service of ordination at Kirkwood UCC on May 15th, at 5:00 p.m.

> **First Congregational UCC, Talladega, AL**, will celebrate its 143rd church anniversary and homecoming on Sunday, May 15, 2011, at the 11 a.m. worship service. Following the worship service, the church will unveil and dedicate an Alabama Historical Landmark marker. The church will be listed in the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage. The Rev. Arthur Price, Jr., pastor of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Al, will be the guest speaker. Associate Conference Minister Kathy Clark will bring greetings from the conference.

> Friday, May 20, promises to be a great day in the life of **Pleasant Hill Community Church, Pleasant Hill, TN**. In St. Louis that day pastor, Tom Warren will receive an honorary D.D. degree and Debbie Douglas will graduate from Eden Seminary with a M.Div. degree.

> **Michael Piazza** will be installed as pastor of Virginia Highland Church on May 22nd at 3:00 p.m.

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